



ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

CHOIR SELECTION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Supt. L. Mardis

INVOCATION Elder J. Rogers

SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT — Psalm 19:7-14 Supt. P. Alexander

NEW TESTAMENT — II Timothy 4:1-8 Supt. J. Brewster

CHOIR SELECTION

REMARKS Sister O. Huff
Missn. I. Brown
Mother B. Lewis

SOLO Bro. C. Schofield

REMARKS Bishop R. Houston
Bishop R. Fortier
Bishop T. Tyler

SELECTION — "I Am Free" Choir

REMARKS Pastors — Elder G. Harden
Superintendents — Dr. J. W. Mayfield
Executive Board — Elder H. Coles

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TELEGRAMS,

CARDS, ETC. Sister J. Johnson

RESOLUTIONS Greater Mt. Olive — Sister J. Davenport
So. Calif. 1st Jurisdiction — Elder J. Lewis

OBITUARY Sister J. Carroll

SERMONIC SOLO Sister R. Ooten

EULOGY Bishop Charles E. Blake

SPECIAL SELECTION Sister Tommie Pleasant

THE FAREWELL VIEW

RECESSIONAL

Eternal Resting Place
INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY
Inglewood, California

OBITUARY

In 1822, the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Renaissance philosopher, perhaps unwittingly, anticipated the birth of his namesake, EMERSON WALDO LASHLEY: "Greatness is a property for which no man gets credit too soon; it must be possessed long before it is acknowledged." And one hundred years later — almost to the day — a namesake of Emerson would be born, and, indeed, would become great. This man would be great because he embraced the standards of greatness set forth by Jesus Christ: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matt. 23:11)

EMERSON WALDO LASHLEY was a servant with a servant's heart. Born in Biloxi, Mississippi, he was the sixth child of Maggie Voltz Lashley and Henry Lashley. His siblings were Lillie Mae, Venetta, Henry, Jr., Kaiser, Clarence, Archie, Arthurene, and Ralph. Emerson attended Biloxi Colored Graded School where his mentor was Professor M. T. Nichols. He was graduated in 1938, and in 1939, the family moved from Biloxi to New Orleans, Louisiana. There he met Mary Belle Hutchinson, whom he married on December 18, 1939. To their union was born one son, Emerson W. Lashley, Jr., who preceded them both in death in 1980.

In 1942, the Lashley family moved to Los Angeles, California, where they united with the Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church, pastored by the late Reverend F. D. Farrell. At the Tabernacle of Faith, lifetime ministry became apparent: his would be a ministry of service. He became an usher. In Elder Lashley's words, "As I came into the light, I began to walk in that light." And in 1947, Emerson Lashley came to a "full knowledge" of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. At that time, he united with the House of Prayer, a pentecostal church in Los Angeles.

Keenly aware of his call to the ministry, Emerson Lashley prepared himself to serve in the ministry of the Word. He attended Biola College, and later was graduated from the Saint John Theological Seminary in Bakersfield, California, where he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree. After completing his education, he served as an instructor at the Emmanuel Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Elder Lashley is listed in *Who's Who in the West*, (1981-82 ed.).

In 1953, Elder Lashley founded the Greater Mount Olive Church of God in Christ, at 6810 South Figueroa, in Los Angeles, where he served as pastor for more than thirty-eight years. In addition to his pastorate, this servant of God ministered in a myriad of other capacities:

- A ministry to the hungry and needy of Tijuana, Mexico, providing food and clothing for the disenfranchised for more than ten years;
- A Skid Row ministry, where he reached out to hundreds of derelicts, spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

— Superintendent of the Saint Luke District for more than 10 years, a position he resigned in 1988, so that he could more effectively serve his wife, Mary Belle, then gravely ill. After the death of his wife in 1989, he resumed the position.

— Regional Superintendent of the West Los Angeles Region, Church of God in Christ, Southern California, First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

— Member of the Executive Board, Church of God in Christ, Southern California, First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

On January 2, 1991, Emerson Lashley and Nadine Williams Lashley were united in marriage. In July, 1991, Elder Lashley returned to his native Biloxi, Mississippi, to serve as the keynote speaker at the Biloxi Colored Graded School reunion. On October 10, 1991, after ministering for the last time, Emerson Waldo Lashley heeded the Master's call: "Servant, come up higher."

Elder Lashley is survived by his wife Nadine; two sisters, Lillie Mae Lashley, of New Orleans, LA, and Arthurene Lashley Francis, of Biloxi, Miss.; two brothers, Clarence and Ralph Lashley, of Biloxi, Miss.; and his only grandson, Jeffrey Kevin Lashley, whom Elder Lashley referred to as "part of my team."

It is noteworthy that the letterhead stationery of the church where Elder Lashley pastored bespeaks the love and servanthood of this humble man. It reads, simply, "*Greater Mount Olive Church of God in Christ, 'A Ministry of Service,' E. W. Lashley, Minister.*"

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

HERBERT JOHNSON, JR.

GERALD JACKSON

JAMES UNDERWOOD

GEORGE SANDERS

CLARENCE PAINIA

VERNON JONES

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

MINISTERS, DEACONS AND BROTHERHOOD OF
GREATER MT. OLIVE C.O.G.I.C.

BRO. EMANUEL JEFFERSON

MIN. JEFF SPIVEY

BRO. L. C. BURTON

ELDER DAVENPORT

BRO. JOE HUFF

ELDER GEORGE MANNING

FLOYD MIXON

ELDER THOMAS BOLEN

LARRY SIMS

MIN. HERBERT MONTGOMERY

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

MOTHER'S BOARD
COMBINED CHOIRS

MISSION BOARD
USHER BOARD



*Through the eyes of love
I see your precious face.
You're always with me
Here in my heart to stay.
God placed a seed of love there,
It's grown too big to take away.
In His hands is our lives and
In His house we will stay.
We will have joy, peace and happiness.
We are learning the language of love
Where two are joined by the Father of love
and two becomes one.
Through the eyes of love
You'll always be mine.
Mine to have and to hold
Until the end of our time.*

**To My Beloved Husband,
Your Wife,
Nadine Lashley**



THERE IS A REASON FOR EVERYTHING

Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain...
 We always want the sunshine, but He knows there must be rain...
 We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer,
 But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear...
 Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow,
 He tests us, not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow...
 For growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm,
 And the sharp cut of the chisel gives the marble grace and form...
 God never hurts us needlessly, and He never wastes our pain,
 For every loss He sends us is followed by rich gain...
 And when we count the blessings that God has so freely sent,
 We will find no cause for murmuring and no time to lament.
 For our Father loves His children, and to Him all things are plain,
 So He never sends us pleasures when the soul's deep need is pain.
 So whenever we are troubled... and when everything goes wrong,
 It is just God working in us to make our spirits strong.

We will always love you,
 — GREATER MT. OLIVE CHURCH FAMILY —

ANGELUS FUNERAL HOME

Directors in Charge



Dr. Emerson W. Lashley

Homegoing Celebration
for
Dr. Emerson W. Lashley



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1991
11:30 A.M.

WEST ANGELES C.O.G.I.C.
3045 Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

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